

## EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS OF LATIN SQUARES IN MAX-PLUS ALGEBRA

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**Abstract.** A Latin square of order  $n$  is a square matrix with  $n$  different numbers such that numbers in each column and each row are distinct. Max-plus Algebra is algebra that uses two operations,  $\oplus$  and  $\otimes$ . In this paper, we solve the eigenproblem for Latin squares in Max-plus Algebra by considering the permutations determined by the numbers in the Latin squares.

*Key words and Phrases:* Latin squares, Max-plus Algebra, Eigenproblems, Permutation.

**Abstrak.** Latin square order  $n$  merupakan matriks persegi dengan  $n$  angka berbeda sehingga angka-angka pada tiap baris dan kolom semuanya berbeda. Aljabar max-plus merupakan aljabar yang menggunakan dua operasi,  $\oplus$  dan  $\otimes$ . Pada paper ini, diselesaikan permasalahan eigen dari Latin square pada aljabar max-plus dengan memperhatikan permutasi dari angka-angka pada Latin square tersebut.

*Kata kunci:* Latin square, Aljabar max-plus, Permasalahan eigen, Permutasi.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we consider eigenproblems. From a square matrix  $A$ , eigenproblems are the problems of finding a scalar  $\lambda$  and corresponding vector  $v$  that satisfy  $Av = \lambda v$  and we apply this problems into max-plus algebra. The problems can be solved by algorithm in [6]. The purpose of this paper is to solve eigenproblems in max-plus algebra for Latin squares by considering the permutations of symbol (or numbers) in Latin squares.

A reason for studying eigenproblems of Latin square in max-plus algebra is

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that such problems have been studied for other matrices, for example Monge matrix [2], inverse Monge matrix [4] and circulant matrix [10, 11]. Eigenproblems are more simple to solve for that special matrices. For instance, eigenvalue of circulant matrices is equal to maximal number of that ones [10, 11].

The outline of this paper is as follows. In Section 2, we introduce Latin squares and permutations in the context of Latin squares. In Section 3, we introduce max-plus algebra and some theories about graph representation in max-plus algebra. Next in Section 4 we give theory of eigenproblems in max-plus algebra and some conditions to solve it. In Section 5 we give analyses to solve eigenproblems in max-plus algebra. In Section 6 we give an illustration of our problems. We give some remarks and conclusion in Section 7.

## 2. LATIN SQUARE AND PERMUTATION

A Latin square of order  $n$  is a matrix of size  $n \times n$  with  $n$  different numbers such that in each row and each column filled by the permutation of those numbers [3], in other words the entries in each row and in each column are distinct [5]. Latin squares were firstly studied by Swiss mathematician, Leonhard Euler. The study of Latin square has long tradition in combinatorics [1], for example the enumeration of Latin squares. The method or formula to enumerate the number of Latin squares can be found in [3, 12, 13]. An example of Latin square of order 4 is shown in below

**Example 1**

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The notion of permutation is related to the act of rearranging objects or values. A permutation of  $n$  objects is an arrangement of this objects into a particular order. For example there are six permutations of numbers 1, 2, 3, that is (1,2,3), (1,3,2), (2,1,3), (2,3,1), (3,1,2) and (3,2,1). For simplicity, we write a permutation without parentheses and commas. So we will write 123 rather than (1, 2, 3). In this paper, we define  $\underline{n} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  as set of the  $n$  first natural numbers.

In algebra, especially group theory, permutation is a bijective mapping on set  $X$ . A family of all permutations on  $X$  is called the symmetric group  $S_X$  [9], we write  $S_n$  rather than  $S_X$  for  $X = \underline{n}$ . From rearrangement  $i_1 i_2 \dots i_n$  of  $\underline{n}$  we can define a function  $\alpha : \underline{n} \rightarrow \underline{n}$  as  $\alpha(1) = i_1, \alpha(2) = i_2, \dots, \alpha(n) = i_n$ . If  $\alpha(i) = i$  for  $i \in \underline{n}$ , then  $i$  is fixed by  $\alpha$ . For example, the rearrangement 321 determines the function  $\alpha$  with  $\alpha(1) = 3, \alpha(2) = 2, \alpha(3) = 1$  and 2 fixed by  $\alpha$ .

We can write permutation in cycle form i.e.  $(a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_r)$  if  $\alpha(a_1) = a_2, \alpha(a_2) = a_3, \dots, \alpha(a_{r-1}) = a_r, \alpha(a_r) = a_1$  and called by  $r$ -cycle (cycle of length  $r$ ). A complete factorization of a permutation  $\alpha$  is a factorization of  $\alpha$  into disjoint cycles that contains exactly one 1-cycle of  $i$  for every  $i$  fixed by  $\alpha$  [9]. For example, the complete factorization of the 3-cycle  $\alpha = (1 \ 3 \ 5) \in S_5$  is  $\alpha = (1 \ 3 \ 5)(2)(4)$ .

Suppose Latin square  $L = (l_{i,j})$  has order  $n$ . We can get  $n$  permutations that represent of each number of  $L$ . Let  $s \in \underline{n}$ , we define *permutation symbol* of

number  $s$  by  $\sigma_s$  such that  $\sigma_s(i)$  equal to  $j$  for which  $l_{i,j} = s$  [12]. For example, from Latin square  $L$  in Example 1, we get  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4 \in S_4$  as permutation symbol of number 1, 2, 3, 4 in  $L$  respectively where  $\sigma_1 = (1\ 3\ 2)(4)$ ,  $\sigma_2 = (1)(2\ 3\ 4)$ ,  $\sigma_3 = (1\ 2\ 4)(3)$ ,  $\sigma_4 = (1\ 4\ 3)(2)$ .

### 3. MAX-PLUS ALGEBRA

In max-plus algebra we define algebraic structure  $(\mathbb{R}_\varepsilon, \otimes, \oplus)$ , where  $\mathbb{R}_\varepsilon$  is the set of all real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  extended by an infinite element  $\varepsilon = -\infty$  and operation  $\otimes, \oplus$  defined by

$$x \oplus y = \max\{x, y\} \text{ and } x \otimes y = x + y \quad (1)$$

respectively. It is easy to show that both operation  $\oplus$  and  $\otimes$  are associative and commutative. Because  $x \oplus \varepsilon = \varepsilon \oplus x = x$  and  $x \otimes 0 = 0 \otimes x = x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}_\varepsilon$  then the null and unit element in max-plus algebra is  $\varepsilon$  and 0 respectively.

For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}_\varepsilon$  and non-negative integer  $n$ , we define

$$x^{\otimes n} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } n = 0 \\ \underbrace{x \otimes x \otimes x \otimes \dots \otimes x}_n, & \text{for } n > 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

We can write  $x^{\otimes n}$  in conventional algebra

$$x^{\otimes n} = \underbrace{x \otimes x \otimes x \otimes \dots \otimes x}_n = n \times x$$

or generally for all  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$x^{\otimes \beta} = \beta \times x$$

The set of all square matrices of order  $n$  in max-plus algebra are defined by  $\mathbb{R}_\varepsilon^{n \times n}$ . Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}_\varepsilon^{n \times n}$ , the entry of  $A$  at  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column is defined by  $a_{i,j}$  and sometime we write  $[A]_{i,j}$ . For  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}_\varepsilon^{n \times n}$ , addition of matrix,  $A \oplus B$ , is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} [A \oplus B]_{i,j} &= a_{i,j} \oplus b_{i,j} \\ &= \max\{a_{i,j}, b_{i,j}\} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

and multiplication of matrix,  $A \otimes B$ , is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} [A \otimes B]_{i,j} &= \bigoplus_{k=1}^n a_{i,k} \otimes b_{k,j} \\ &= \max_{k \in \underline{n}} \{a_{i,k} + b_{k,j}\} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

For square matrix  $A$ , similar to scalar in max-plus algebra, we denote

$$A^{\otimes k} = \underbrace{A \otimes A \otimes A \otimes \dots \otimes A}_k$$

as  $k^{\text{th}}$  power of  $A$ .

From  $L \in \mathbb{R}_\varepsilon^{n \times n}$ , we can get directed graph (digraph)  $\mathcal{G}(L) = \mathcal{G}(V, E)$ , where  $V$  is set of vertices and  $E$  is set of edges. In  $\mathcal{G}(L)$ , there are  $n$  vertices labelled by  $1, 2, \dots, n$  respectively. There is an edge from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  if  $a_{j,i} \neq \varepsilon$

denoted by  $(i, j)$ . The weight of  $(i, j)$ -edge is denoted by  $w(j, i)$  and equal to  $a_{j,i}$ , if  $a_{ji} = \varepsilon$  then there is no  $(i, j)$ -edge. Graph representation of matrix  $L$  in Example 1 is shown in Fig. 1.

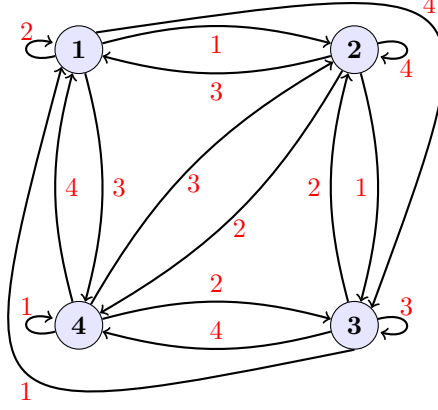


FIGURE 1. Graph representation of matrix  $L$

A sequence of edges  $(j_1, j_2), (j_2, j_3), \dots, (j_{k-1}, j_k)$  is called *path* and if all vertices  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{k-1}$  are different then called *elementary path*. *Circuit* is an elementary closed path, i.e.  $(j_1, j_2), (j_2, j_3), \dots, (j_{k-1}, j_1)$ . A circuit consists of a single edge, from a vertex to itself, is called a *loop*. Weight of a path  $p = (j_1, j_2), (j_2, j_3), \dots, (j_{k-1}, j_k)$  is denoted by  $|p|_w$  and equal to sum of all weight each edge i.e.  $|p|_w = a_{j_2 j_1} + a_{j_3 j_2} + \dots + a_{j_k j_{k-1}}$  and length of path is denoted by  $|p|_l$  and equal to the number of edges in path  $p$ . The average weight of path  $p$  defined by weight of  $p$  divide by length of path  $p$ ,

$$\frac{|p|_w}{|p|_l} = \frac{a_{j_2 j_1} + a_{j_3 j_2} + \dots + a_{j_k j_{k-1}}}{k - 1} \quad (5)$$

Any circuit with maximum average weight is called a *critical circuit*. A graph called *strongly connected* if there is a path for any vertex  $i$  to any vertex  $j$ . If graph  $\mathcal{G}(L)$  is strongly connected, then matrix  $L$  is *irreducible*. We can infer that  $[L]_{i,j}$  is equal to the weight of path with length 1 from  $j$  to  $i$ ,  $[L^{\otimes 2}]_{i,j}$  is equal to the maximal weight of path with length 2 from  $j$  to  $i$  or generally for positive integer  $k$ ,  $[L^{\otimes k}]_{i,j}$  is equal to the maximal weight of path with length  $k$  from  $j$  to  $i$ .

There is relation between  $\sigma_i \in S_n$  and a circuit in  $\mathcal{G}(L)$ . Every  $r$ -cycle in  $\sigma_i$  represented circuit of length  $r$  with each edge have weight  $i$ . Let graph representation in Fig. 1. We get  $\sigma_2 = (1)(2 \ 3 \ 4)$  and there are two cycles of  $(1)(2 \ 3 \ 4)$ , 1-cycle (1) and 3-cycle (2 3 4). As we can see in Fig. 1 there are two circuit with all edges have weight 2, a loop in vertex 1 and a circuit with length 3 (4, 3), (3, 2), (2, 4).

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}_\varepsilon^{n \times n}$ , we define the matrix  $A^+$  as follow

$$A^+ \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} A^{\otimes i} = A \oplus A^{\otimes 2} \oplus \dots \oplus A^{\otimes n} \oplus \dots \quad (6)$$

Because  $[A^{\otimes k}]_{i,j}$  is equal to maximal weight of all paths with length  $k$  from vertex  $j$  to vertex  $i$  then  $[A^+]_{i,j}$  is equal to maximal weight of any path with any length from vertex  $j$  to vertex  $i$ .

If  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that all circuits in  $\mathcal{G}(B)$  have average weight less than or equal to 0 then  $B^+$  is equal to the summation (in max-plus) of  $B^{\otimes k}$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , or in other words

$$B^+ = B \oplus B^{\otimes 2} \oplus \dots \oplus B^{\otimes n}$$

#### 4. EIGENPROBLEMS

Eigenproblems are common problem in mathematics especially in linear algebra. In linear algebra, eigenproblems are the problems of finding  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and vectors  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  from matrix  $A$  of size  $n \times n$  that satisfy  $Av = \lambda v$  and then  $\lambda$  is called by *eigenvalue* while vector  $v$  is called by *eigenvector*. In max-plus algebra, similar to linear algebra, eigenproblems are formulated as  $A \otimes v = \lambda \otimes v$  for given matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}_\varepsilon^{n \times n}$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The method to solve eigenproblems in max-plus algebra is quite different in linear algebra.

Methods to solve eigenproblems in max-plus algebra were handled by several authors for ordinary matrices [6, 7, 8], as well as for special matrices such as circulant matrix [10, 11], Monge matrix [2] and inverse Monge matrix [4]. Special case for irreducible matrices, problem to get an eigenvalue related to problem to get critical circuits because the eigenvalue of  $A$  is equal to the weight of critical circuits in  $\mathcal{G}(A)$  [8]. If the eigenvalue exist for irreducible matrix  $A$  then there is unique eigenvalue [8].

In this paper we define  $\lambda(A)$  as eigenvalue of matrix  $A$  and  $A_\lambda$  be a matrix such that  $[A_\lambda]_{i,j} = [A]_{i,j} - \lambda(A)$  or in other word  $A_\lambda = (-\lambda(A)) \otimes A$ . It is clear that the maximum average weight of any circuit in  $\mathcal{G}(A_\lambda^+)$  is less than or equal 0. Consequently, we can derived as follow

$$A_\lambda^+ = A_\lambda \oplus A_\lambda^{\otimes 2} \oplus \dots \oplus A_\lambda^{\otimes n}$$

and the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A_\lambda^+$  is eigenvector of  $A$  if  $[A_\lambda^+]_{i,i} = 0$  [8]. There is an algorithm to obtain eigenvalue and eigenvector that called *Power Algorithm* [6, 7].

#### 5. DISCUSSION, ANALYSES AND RESULTS

We will discuss Latin squares in max-plus algebra, so it is allowed to use infinite element  $\varepsilon = -\infty$  as a symbol of a Latin square. Thus, we consider two cases of Latin squares.

- Case 1.  
Latin square without infinite element that use  $\underline{n} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  as elements of Latin square.

- Case 2.

Latin square with infinite element that use  $\underline{n}_\varepsilon = \{\varepsilon, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  as elements of Latin square

We denote  $\mathcal{L}^n$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon^n$  be the set of all Latin squares of order  $n$  without and with infinite element, respectively.

We begin the observation from graph representation of Latin square. Let  $L_1 \in \mathcal{L}^n$ , because all numbers in  $L_1$  are finite then  $[L_1]_{i,j} \neq \varepsilon$  for all  $i, j \in \underline{n}$  and it is clear that  $\mathcal{G}(L_1)$  is strongly connected, consequently  $L_1$  is irreducible. It can be concluded that all Latin squares without infinite element are irreducible matrix.

Let  $L_2 \in \mathcal{L}_\varepsilon^n$ , because in each row and each column of  $L_2$  there is exactly one  $\varepsilon$  then  $[L_2^{\otimes 2}]_{i,j} = \max_{k \in \underline{n}} \{a_{i,k} + a_{k,j}\}$  is finite. Consequently, there is a path length 2 from any vertex  $i$  to any vertex  $j$  and  $L_2$  also irreducible. It can be concluded that all Latin squares with infinite element are irreducible matrix. Because both  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are irreducible matrix then to find eigenvalue of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  we need to find the critical circuit of graph representation of each matrix.

In next discussion we will solve eigenproblems of Latin squares in max-plus algebra and given the result about eigenvalue, eigenvector and the number of linearly independent eigenvectors also derive some theorems about them. See Section 6 for examples.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $L_1 \in \mathcal{L}^n$  and  $L_2 \in \mathcal{L}_\varepsilon^n$ . The average weight of critical circuits of  $\mathcal{G}(L_1)$  and  $\mathcal{G}(L_2)$  is equal to  $n$  and  $n-1$  respectively.*

**Proof.** We only need to consider permutation of the largest number in  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . It is clear that  $\max \underline{n} = n$  and  $\max \underline{n}_\varepsilon = n-1$ . Let  $\sigma_n$  be permutation symbol of number  $n$  in  $L$ , from  $\sigma_n$  we get circuit with the weight of all edges are  $n$ . Because all edges have weight  $n$ , then the average weight of circuit is  $n$  and there is no circuit with average weight more than  $n$ . Thus, all circuits based on  $\sigma_n$  are critical circuit in  $\mathcal{G}(L_1)$  and the average weight of those critical circuit in  $\mathcal{G}(L_1)$  is equal to  $n$ .

By the same argument, we get the average weight of critical circuits in  $\mathcal{G}(L_2)$  is equal to  $n-1$ . ■

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $L_1 \in \mathcal{L}^n$  and  $L_2 \in \mathcal{L}_\varepsilon^n$ . Eigenvalue of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is equal to  $n$  and  $n-1$  respectively or generally eigenvalue of Latin square  $L$  is equal to the maximal number in  $L$ .*

**Proof.** The proof of this theorem is from direct result of Theorem 5.1 ■

Let  $L$  be Latin square of order  $n$  that has eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . To get eigenvalue of Latin square in max-plus algebra we consider the matrix  $L_\lambda^+$ . We know that the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $L_\lambda^+$  is eigenvector of  $L$  if  $[L_\lambda^+]_{i,i} = 0$ . Number  $i \in \underline{n}$  satisfies  $[L_\lambda^+]_{i,i} = 0$  if and only if in graph  $\mathcal{G}(L)$  there is critical circuit from vertex  $i$ .

If  $L$  is Latin square then  $\lambda$  is equal to the maximal number in  $L$  i.e.  $\lambda(A) =$

$\max(A)$  and  $\lambda$  appears exactly once in each row and column of  $L$ , consequently there is always critical circuit that every edge has weight  $\lambda$  from any vertex  $i$  for all  $i \in \underline{n}$ . Consequently, for Latin square  $L$  all column of  $L_\lambda^+$  are eigenvector of  $L$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

We say that two vectors  $v_1, v_2$  are linearly independent (in max-plus algebra) if there is no  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $v_1 = c \otimes v_2$ . In max-plus algebra, it is possible that any matrix  $L$  has two or more linearly independent eigenvectors.

We know that each critical circuit in  $\mathcal{G}(L)$  represents eigenvector of  $L$ . If there are  $m$  different critical circuits then there are  $m$  linearly independent eigenvectors or we can say that the number of linearly independent eigenvectors is equal to the number of different critical circuit in  $\mathcal{G}(L)$ .

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $L$  be a Latin square with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . The number of linearly independent eigenvectors of  $L$  with respect to eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is equal to the number of cycle in permutation symbol  $\sigma_\lambda$ .*

**Proof.** Because  $L$  is a Latin square with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  then in graph  $\mathcal{G}(L)$  there are critical circuits with average weight equal to  $\lambda$  where each edge has weight  $\lambda$ . And because  $\lambda$  appears exactly once in each row and column of  $L$  then we can always make critical circuit based on permutation symbol of  $\lambda$  i.e.  $\sigma_\lambda$ .

We know that every  $r$ -cycle in  $\sigma_\lambda$  represented a critical circuit length  $r$  where each edge have weight  $\lambda$  then the number critical circuit is equal to the number of cycle in  $\sigma_\lambda$  and this completes the proof. ■

## 6. EXAMPLE

We give two examples of Latin square, without and with infinite element  $\varepsilon = -\infty$ .

**Example I.**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

By Theorem 5.2 eigenvalue of  $A$  is maximal number in  $A$  i.e.  $\lambda(A) = \max(A) = 4$ . From  $A$  we get permutation symbol  $\sigma_\lambda = \sigma_4 = (2\ 4) = (1)(2\ 4)(3) \in S_4$  and there are three cycles in  $\sigma_\lambda$ . Next we get

$$\begin{aligned} A_\lambda &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & -2 & -1 \\ -3 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 0 & -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} & A_\lambda^{\otimes 2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ A_\lambda^{\otimes 3} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} & A_\lambda^{\otimes 4} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\lambda}^+ &= A_{\lambda} \oplus A_{\lambda}^{\otimes 2} \oplus A_{\lambda}^{\otimes 3} \oplus A_{\lambda}^{\otimes 4} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 5.3, the number of linearly independent eigenvectors is equal to the number of cycle in  $\sigma_{\lambda}$  and from  $A_{\lambda}^+$ , we can get three different column vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

There are three linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda = 4$  and the number of cycle in  $\sigma_{\lambda}$  is also 3.

**Example II.**

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & -\infty \\ 3 & -\infty & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -\infty & 3 \\ -\infty & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

By Theorem 5.2, the eigenvalue of  $B$  is maximal number in  $B$  i.e.  $\lambda(B) = \max(B) = 3$ . From  $B$  we get permutation symbol  $\sigma_{\lambda} = (1 \ 2)(3 \ 4) \in S_4$  and there are two cycles in  $\sigma_{\lambda}$ . Next we get

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\lambda} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 & -\infty \\ 0 & -\infty & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & -\infty & 0 \\ -\infty & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} & B_{\lambda}^{\otimes 2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ B_{\lambda}^{\otimes 3} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} & B_{\lambda}^{\otimes 4} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\lambda}^+ &= B_{\lambda} \oplus B_{\lambda}^{\otimes 2} \oplus B_{\lambda}^{\otimes 3} \oplus B_{\lambda}^{\otimes 4} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 5.3, the number of linearly independent eigenvectors is equal to the number of cycle in  $\sigma_{\lambda}$  and from  $B_{\lambda}^+$ , we can get two different column vectors



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

There are two linearly independent eigenvectors of  $B$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda = 3$  and the number of cycle in  $\sigma_\lambda$  is also 2.

## 7. CONCLUSION

Eigenproblems for any Latin square  $L$  can be solved by considering the permutation symbol of maximal number in  $L$ . Moreover, eigenvalue is equal to the maximal number in  $L$  and the number of linearly independent eigenvectors is equal to the number of cycle in permutation symbol of those maximal number.

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